City of Lakewood Volunteer Job Description

Department: Community Resources
Division: Regional Parks and Golf
Committee: WF Hayden Park Adopt-a-Trail
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Committee Leadership
Natural Resources Specialist
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Committee Purpose
The Adopt-a-Trail's primary purpose is to: assist park staff with the maintenance, construction and monitoring of soft surface trails at William Frederick Hayden Park., by adopting a half mile segment of trail.
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Responsibilities
Volunteers will:

- Work with the Natural Resources Specialist to maintain or construct soft surface trails
- .Build trail features to control erosion and that are safe for park users.
- Use all equipment and tools in a safe and appropriate manner.
- Represent the City of Lakewood's mission and values.

Qualifications
The volunteer must be able to prove the following ability to:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hike moderate to long distances to trail work sites, up to 3 miles.
- Must work on adopted segment for at least 2 hours once a year.
- Must hike their segment three times a year and report back to the Natural Resource Specialist about any safety or other trail issues.
- Demonstrate ability to learn trail building skills and follow basic directions.

Training
One spring training will be offered to establish the trail standards in the trail management plan to the volunteers. If there is enough interest a trail crew leader training will be offered by staff or by the Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI)

Dress Code
Appropriate work clothes and footwear are required on projects, including long pants. Gloves are recommended. Volunteers should also bring water and sun protection.

Schedule
Volunteers are asked to work on their segment at least once a year for a minimum of two hours. This can be done with a staff person or by themselves. The volunteer must also hike their segment at least three more times, preferably a couple months apart, to check their segment for erosion and safety issues.

Work Environment

Outdoor – This committee is mainly active in the summer, with occasional off-season work days. The changing Colorado weather is a strong factor.